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1. CHARGE AND APAO MET WITH MARCEL M'BAYE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JUSTICE MINISTRY, AND LAWYER LAMBETT ZOKOEZO ON AUGUST 18 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT COLLOQUIUM. BOTH GENTLEMEN HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE LEVEL. ONLY NEGATIVE NOTES SOUNDED WERE ON COMPLEXITY OF AIR ROUTING, MINOR PROBLEMS AT NAIROBI AIRPORT, AND CONFERENCE TIMING.

2. M'BAYE AND ZOKOEZO WERE ESPECIALLY COMPLIMENTARY ON EFFORTS OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZER WARREN WEINSTEIN, WHO HAS WRITTEN BOTH SINCE CONFERENCE TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION. ALTHOUGH NEITHER CAE DELEGATE PRESENTED PAPERS, THEY FOUND COLLOQUIUM INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING AND VERY USEFUL. THEY MADE
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SPECIAL POINT OF PRASING FORTUITOUS MIXTURE OF DELEGATES' BACKGROUNDS, WHICH COVERED WIDE RANGE OF DISCIPLINES AND PROVIDED RICH AND VARIED PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. WHILE PRAISING SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM AT COLLOQUIUM NEITHER HAD MUCH DETAIL TO OFFER. RETICENCE MAY STEM FROM M'BAYE'S OFFICIAL MINISTERIAL POSITION AND A DESIRE NOT TO MAKE WHAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AS OFFICIAL GOCAE STATEMENTS.

3. CONFERENCE TIMING APPARENTLY CONFLICTED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL JURISTS MEETING IN DAKAR WHICH, ACCORDING TO M'BAYE, CAUSED BOTH SENEGALESE AND MALIAN DELEGATIONS TO CANCEL THEIR ATTENDANCE AT BUTARE. SOME MIX-UP ALSO OCCURRED AT NAIROBI AIRPORT, WHERE CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON WAS SUPPOSED TO ASSIST CAE DELEGATES BUT NEVER APPEARED. BOTH GENTLEMEN WERE FINALLY ASSISTED BY AMEMBASSY NAIROBI AND RWANDAN EMBASSY.

4. M'BAYE AND ZOKOEZO BOTH LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCES IN AFRICA. M'BAYE ALSO USED OCCASION OF OUR CONVERSATION NOMINATE HIMSELF FOR IVP GRANT TO THE U.S., A SUGGESTION WHICH WEINSTEIN APPARENTLY MADE IN HIS LETTER TO M'BAYE.
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